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Hi, Christie.

Could you respond to this email from the Silverton Standard?

Thanks!

Cynthia

Sent from my EPA iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** Silverton Standard <[silvertonstandard@animas.net](mailto:silvertonstandard@animas.net)>

**Date:** May 23, 2016 at 11:07:48 AM MDT

**To:** Cynthia Peterson <[Peterson.Cynthia@epa.gov](mailto:Peterson.Cynthia@epa.gov)>

**Subject:** Question on treatment plant

Hi Cynthia;

I was up Cement Creek today and I can't help noticing the American Tunnel, yards away from the expensive plant, discharging directly into Cement Creek, untreated.

I was wondering if the EPA can really explain that.

The pipe from the Gold King actually runs right over the American Tunnel discharge ditch.

If the EPA can do removal action at the Red & Bonita and Gold King, why not treat the American Tunnel runoff which is only yards from the plant?

It seems to me that any objective effort actually aimed at water quality improvement would address that obvious source.

And to let that water go untreated yards away from a new, expensive plant does not seem very reasonable.

Was any effort made at all to have Kinross agree to treat the American Tunnel discharge?